



<b>Preliminary Report</b>	<b>Near Fatality</b>	<b>8/27/15</b>
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- 1. Near Fatality Victim:** 2-month-old female
- 2. Date of notification to DCS:** 3/12/15
- 3. Date of near fatality:** 3/11/15
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:** 5/11/15
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Mohave County – Kingman, AZ
- 6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Angel Leija – age 21 – Kingman, AZ  
 Tyler Dicken – age 26 – Kingman, AZ

**7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On March 12, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old baby girl who was admitted to the hospital on March 11, 2015 in critical condition. Further examination found her to have extensive brain damage including a subdural hematoma and a subarachnoid bleed. The Department's investigation determined that the child's parents, Angel Leija and Tyler Dicken, either physically abused the baby or failed to protect her from abuse.

**8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:**

DCS has received one prior report involving Angel Leija and Tyler Dicken:

On August 21, 2014, a report was received alleging neglect to the siblings of the near fatality victim by the parents, Angel Leija and Tyler Dicken. The report alleged that the parents were abusing illegal substances and not regularly feeding the children. The investigation assessed the children to be safe and the allegations were unsubstantiated. However, the case remained open pending completion of all required documentation.

**9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:**

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Following an assessment of child safety, the siblings were placed in licensed foster homes. Upon release from the hospital, the near fatality victim was also placed in a licensed foster home.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The Department is providing services to the family.

\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.



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\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).  
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